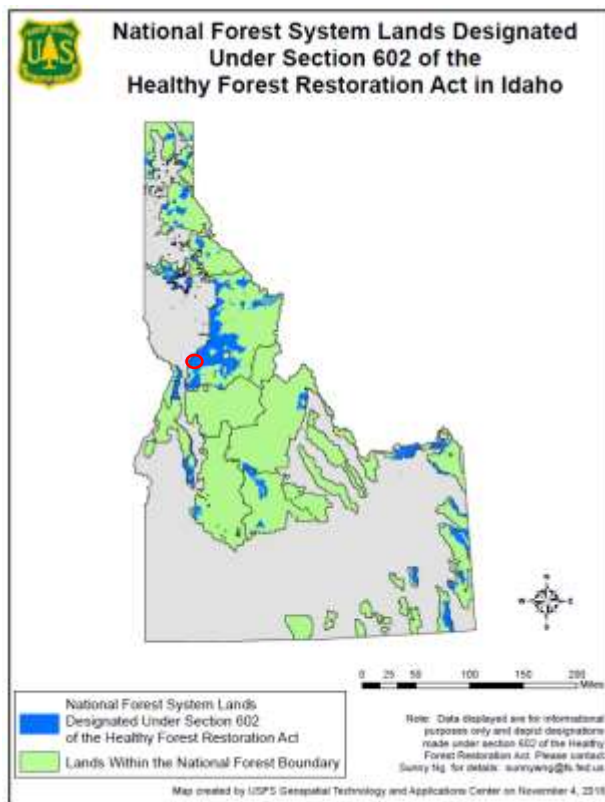


# End Of The World Project

September 20, 2017

End Of The World Project Area is approximately 49,565 acres and is within the National Forest System Lands designated a national insect and disease treatment area by Governor Otter under the 2014 Farm Bill amendment to the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (amended to current designations December 16, 2016). Entirely on Forest Service managed lands, in tributaries to the Salmon River and South Fork Clearwater Rivers including Fish Creek, North Fork White Bird Creek, Cove Creek, Dump Creek, Bully Creek, Little White Bird Creek, Jungle Creek, Pinnacle Creek, Grouse Creek, Cold Springs Creek, South Fork White Bird Creek, Teepee Creek, Goodwin Creek, and Asbestos Creek.



To be designated as part of the insect and disease treatment program, an area must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be experiencing forest health decline based on annual forest health surveys;
- Be at risk of experiencing substantially increased tree mortality on the most recent Forest Health Protection Insect and Disease Risk Map;
- Or, Contain hazard trees that pose an imminent risk to public infrastructure, health, or safety.

The End of the World project may follow the criteria in the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003, as amended by the 2014 Farm Bill.

## Project Goals:

- Reduce the risk or extent of, or increase resilience to, insect or disease infestation;
- Reduce wildfire risk to the local communities and surrounding federal lands;
- Restore forest vegetation, meadows, and grasslands to a healthy condition; and
- Improve water quality and aquatic habitats.

## Possible activity opportunities were identified based on existing conditions:

- Stand age and previous treatments

- Stand stress and mortality caused by beetles and disease
- Fuels accumulation increases the potential for catastrophic fire
- Adjacent private property
- Road, trail, and culvert conditions
- Instream conditions
- Recreational Use
- Forest Plan management area direction

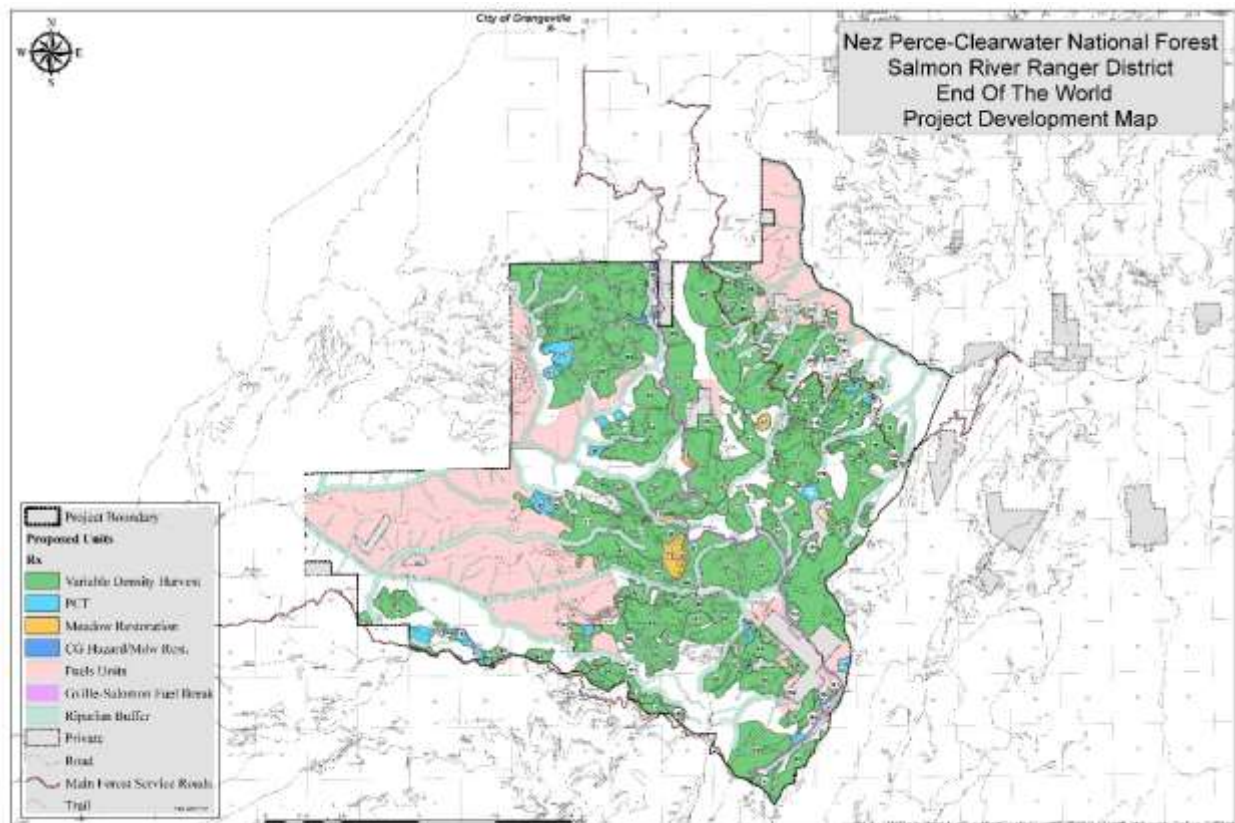
**Possible Activities:**

- Timber harvest. Variable Density harvests as appropriate
- Road maintenance, improvement, or reconstruction
- Culvert Treatments: replacement, resize and remove
- Road decommissioning
- Meadow restoration
- Installation of drift fencing
- Prescribed burning

**Anticipated Outcomes:**

- WUI acres treated, reducing wildfire risk to the local communities and surrounding federal lands.
- Timbersale and/or Stewardship sales to reduce the risk or extent of, or increase resilience to, insect or disease infestation. This will also provide jobs within the County.
- Stream miles improved via road, trail, and recreational site maintenance, improvements, culvert replacements, etc.
- Wildlife habitat enhancement over most acres harvested or burned.
- Range improvements via increased forage production.

**Preliminary project area map.** T29N R3E Sections 12, 13-36; T29N R4E Sections 18, 19, 20, 28-32; T4N R2E Sections 1-4, 9-12, 13-15, 23, 24; T4N R3E Sections 1-29, 34-36; T4N R4E Sections 5-7, 18, 19, 30, 31  
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#### Current Status:

- IDT evaluating potential treatment options
- Project Introduction and Collaboration - Ongoing
- Public / Community Meeting – October 4, 2017
- Public / Community Field Visit - October 10, 2017
- NPT Staff to Staff Meeting – October 18, 2017
- Proposed Action / Comment / Scoping January 2018

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